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Elephants Get Their Green On

TIP O' THE HAT: A handler places a green derby hat on an elephant in Washington ahead of Tuesday's annual pachyderm parade announcing the arrival of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, the parading elephants were adorned in traditional Irish garb, including top hats, as well as Irish flags, which were wrapped around the animals' trunks.

Dems Say Give Back Bonuses

Senators move to force AIG executives to return payouts

WASHINGTON | Talking tougher by the hour, livid Democrats confronted beleaguered insurance giant AIG with an ultimatum Tuesday: Give back \$165 million in post-bailout bonuses or watch Congress tax it away with emergency legislation.

Fresh details, meanwhile, pushed AIG outrage ever higher: New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo reported that 73 company employees received bonus checks of \$1 million or more each last Friday. This at a company that was failing so spectacularly the government felt the need to prop it up with a \$170 billion bailout.

And while Democratic lawmakers talked tax penalties, Republicans declared the Democrats were hardly blameless, accusing them of standing by while the bonus deal was cemented and suggesting that Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner could and should have done more. While the White House expressed confidence in Geithner, it was clearly placing the responsibility for how the matter was handled on his shoulders.

Senate Democrats, meanwhile, suggested that if the AIG executives had any integrity, they would return the \$165 million in bonuses. Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, even suggested they might honorably kill themselves, then said he didn't really mean it. "If you don't return it on your own, we will do it for you," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. (AP)

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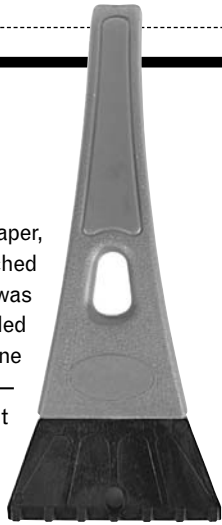
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Next, Man Picked Fight With Litter of Premature Kittens

Police said a 71-year-old man, armed only with an ice scraper, frustrated a 20-year-old would-be robber who approached him with a knife in Rapid City, S.D. Police said the man was scraping ice off his car Friday when the 20-year-old pulled out a knife and demanded money. Police Sgt. Pete Ragnone said the man used his ice scraper to fend off the attacker—who then ran to his girlfriend's home. That's when a fight broke out between the 20-year-old and his girlfriend. The man faces charges of attempted first-degree robbery and aggravated assault-domestic violence. (AP)



LEARNED BEHAVIORS

Man Raised With Pack of Dealing Dogs

Authorities arrested a 32-year-old Texas man on drug charges Thursday in Mansfield, La., after construction workers saw him on his hands and knees, eating mud and growling like a

dog. A woman who accompanied the man from Texas told investigators he had been wandering around the complex and eating dog food. Sheriff's Lt. Horace Womack said a small bottle of PCP, a half-pound of marijuana and 1/4 ounce of crack cocaine were seized during the man's arrest. He was booked on intent to distribute them. (AP)

CRIME

Laziness Pays

A robber in South Texas held up a bank from the comfort of his car. Police said a man used the drive-thru lane Monday

morning to rob a Lone Star National Bank. Police said the driver slipped a note to a female teller, who provided an undetermined amount of cash, and then he drove away. Lt. Guadalupe Salinas said the man was alone in the car and

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Arts and Causes

This little guy isn't just adorable; he owes his existence to a good cause. Meet a giant sculpture of the University of Nebraska's mascot, Lil' Red, made entirely of canned and packaged food. It's construction! Get it? He's on display at the Westroads Mall in Omaha, Neb., alongside a constructed man "raising a bar" and an enormous constructed duck. Once the sculptures are taken apart, all the goods used to build them will be donated to a local food bank. (EXPRESS)



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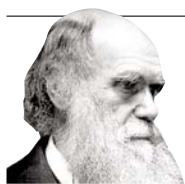
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TOGETHER AT LAST?: Kentucky's Answers in Genesis Creation Museum is making room for an odd guest: Charles Darwin. A new exhibit at the museum argues Darwin's theory of natural selection can coexist with the belief that the world's creatures were created a few thousand years ago.

Nation

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Obama Appoints NFL Owner As Ambassador to Ireland

President Obama on Tuesday selected Pittsburgh Steelers owner Dan Rooney to be U.S. ambassador to Ireland, turning to a lifelong Republican who provided the Democrat critical campaign support during the White House race. The grandson of an Irish immigrant, Rooney in the



Rooney

1970s helped found the American Ireland Fund, an organization that has raised millions for advocacy of peace and education in Ireland. (AP)

NEW YORK

Salvation Army Sees Record Giving Despite Recession

Salvation Army administrators say the annual Red Kettle campaign set a record of \$130 million in donations last year despite the economic downturn. Red Kettle donations jumped 10 percent from 2007 and came during a holiday season when many retailers suffered financially. (AP)



YOUR CALL: The family of a woman mauled by a chimpanzee has filed a lawsuit seeking \$50 million in damages from the primate's owner, saying she was negligent. (AP)

AIG Bonuses Stir Populist Outrage

Taxpayers express fury over company's huge payouts to employees

For many Americans who could use a bailout just to balance their checkbooks and make it through the month, the thought of their tax dollars' going to million-dollar bonuses for AIG executives is enough to make them furious.

"It's difficult to comprehend how screwing up gets you rewards," said George Padilla, a teacher in El Paso, Texas. "I tell my students that

if they don't put in the effort and get passing grades, I will not pass them." He added: "I use the old 'In the real world' line to point out that you would be fired if you didn't do well in your job. Well, I guess 'the real world' proved me wrong."

Workers, business owners and taxpayers interviewed across the country this week fumed over the \$165 million payout, with some questioning whether the government should even be in the business of bailing out Wall Street — an attitude that could undermine further efforts by the Obama administra-

The AIG scandal could derail the president's plans to fix the economy.

tion to prop up the economy.

"Wasn't Obama supposed to fix this?" said Maria Panza-Villa, a mother of two in Hillsboro, Ore.

The intensity of the populist fury became plain when Sen. Charles

Grassley, R-Iowa, suggested AIG executives should follow the Japanese warrior example and resign or commit suicide.

While many ordinary Americans said Grassley's comments were out of line, others weren't so sure.

AIG executives are "not going to bleed to death, because I'm not sure that they've got blood. I think it's ice water that runs through their veins," said Gary Jarvis of Herron, Ill., who lost his job two years ago. "To me, it's just stunning to think they're not even ashamed of their disgusting greed." ADAM GELLER (AP)

WASHINGTON | GREEN POLITICS



ST. PAT'S AGENDA: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, President Obama and Irish Prime Minister Brian Cowen walk down the Capitol steps Tuesday after attending a St. Patrick's Day luncheon. From appearance to agenda, the White House was in an Irish mood. The water in the fountains on the White House's North and South lawns were dyed green for the holiday.

Humane Society: Petland Plotted To Sell Sick Dogs

COLUMBUS, OHIO | The Humane Society of the United States has accused Petland Inc. of scheming to sell sick puppies to thousands of unsuspecting consumers.

The animal protection group filed a lawsuit Monday in federal court in Phoenix on behalf of people who say they bought sick puppies from the retailer.

The Humane Society says the pet store chain indicated the puppies came from high-quality breeders and were healthy. The group says its investigation shows many puppies were bred in horrific conditions.

Petland says it's disappointed by what it calls false accusations. (AP)

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Agency: Shelve Kids' Books

Libraries urged to put older titles on hold for review of lead in ink

JEFFERSON CITY, MO. | Could a vintage, dog-eared copy of "The Cat in the Hat" or "Where the Wild Things Are" be hazardous to children?

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has raised that possibility in urging the nation's libraries to take children's books printed before 1986 off their shelves while the agency investigates whether the ink contains unsafe levels of lead.

Few, if any, libraries are complying, and many librarians are ridiculing the recommendation. Even the nation's premier medical sleuths, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, say any danger from lead in children's



Karen Hayden looks over older children's books in the Moberly, Mo., library.

books is slight.

"We're talking about tens of millions of copies of children's books that are perfectly safe. I wish a reasonable, rational person would

"I wish a reasonable, rational person would just say, 'This is stupid.'"

EMILY SHEKETOFF, LIBRARY ASSOC.

just say, 'This is stupid. What are we doing?'" said Emily Sheketoff, executive director of the American Library Association's Washington office.

Jay Dempsey, a health communications specialist at the CDC, said lead-based ink in children's books poses little danger.

"On a scale of one to 10, this is like a 0.5 level of concern," Dempsey said. (AP)



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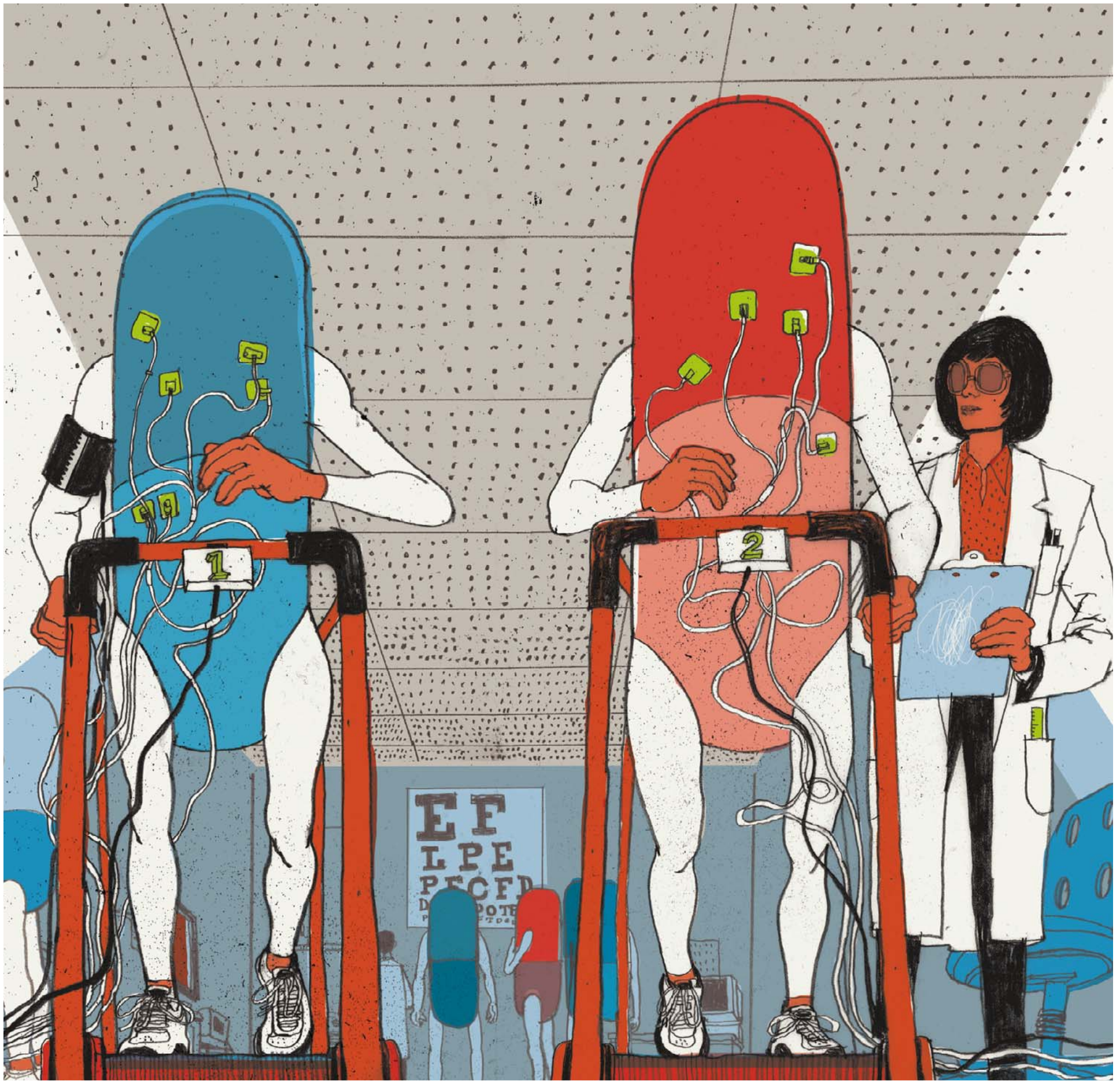
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A judge let Eric Wuest stay on a jury despite his Twitter and Facebook posts.

Twitter An Issue In Court

Juror nearly derailed high-profile case with cell phone messages

PHILADELPHIA | Eric Wuest's post late Friday to Facebook friends teased: "Stay tuned for a big announcement on Monday everyone!"

Wuest wasn't hinting at an engagement or new job. Instead, the law firm benefits coordinator was suggesting the verdict was near after five months as a juror in a high-profile criminal case.

On Monday, a nervous Wuest found himself in the judge's chambers, defending his veiled posts about the corruption trial of former state senator Vincent Fumo in Philadelphia. But he is not alone in posting his courtroom musings online.

"Dozens of people a day are sending Tweets or Facebook updates from courthouses all over America," said Anne W. Reed, a trial lawyer.

While most posts are innocuous, Reed said, a few cases have raised eyebrows — and questions about whether judges need to clarify jury instructions. Reed said the case shows "staying away from the news means staying away from a lot more things than it used to mean."

"I know many judges are talking about how ... to really stress to jurors that talking to somebody about the case means not just speaking with your lips, but also typing," Reed said. MARYCLAIRE DALE (AP)

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EXISTENTIAL CRISIS: South Africa's government is urging citizens to confirm whether they are officially alive, as authorities are attempting to put an end to "fraudulent deaths," Agence France-Presse reported. Identity theft victims have increasingly been wrongly declared dead.

World

Pope Decries Condom Use in Africa

Benedict XVI says abstinence is a better way to prevent AIDS

YAOUNDE, CAMEROON | Pope Benedict XVI said condoms are not the answer to the AIDS epidemic in Africa and can make the problem worse, setting off criticism Tuesday as he began a weeklong trip to the continent where about 22 million people are living with HIV.

Benedict's first statement on an issue that has divided even Catholic clergy working with AIDS patients came hours before he arrived in Cameroon's capital — greeted by thousands of flag-waving faithful who stood shoulder to shoulder in fields and streets for a glimpse of the pontiff's motorcade.



A clergyman kisses Pope Benedict XVI's ring as the pope arrives at the airport in Yaounde, Cameroon, on Tuesday for the start of his weeklong visit to Africa.

22 MILLION PEOPLE

in sub-Saharan Africa are infected with HIV, according to UNAIDS. In 2007, the region was host to:

75% of the world's AIDS deaths

66% of the world's HIV sufferers

Benedict's position is not new. His predecessor, Pope John Paul II, often said that sexual abstinence — not condoms — was the best way to prevent the spread of AIDS.

Benedict said the Roman Catholic Church was at the forefront of the battle against AIDS.

"You can't resolve it with the distribution of condoms," the pope told reporters aboard a plane heading to Yaounde. "On the contrary, it increases the problem."

The pope said a responsible attitude toward sex would help fight the disease, as he answered questions submitted in advance by reporters on the plane. His response was presumably also prepared in advance.

The Catholic Church rejects the use of condoms as part of its teaching against artificial contraception. Senior Vatican officials have advocated fidelity in marriage and abstinence from premarital sex as key weapons in the fight against AIDS.

Rebecca Hodes with the Treatment Action Campaign in South Africa said the pope was right that condoms are not the sole solution to Africa's AIDS epidemic, but added they are one of the very few proven measures to prevent HIV infections.

VICTOR L. SIMPSON (AP)

In Brief

PRAGUE

Government Delays Vote On Missile Defense Deal

The Czech government postponed a parliamentary vote Tuesday on a deal to place a U.S. missile defense installation in the country. Prime Minister Mirek Topolánek said the coalition government withdrew the item because it did not have enough votes to pass. The government does not have a majority in the 200-seat lower house, and several lawmakers it had been relying on for the vote were unable to attend the session, Topolánek said. (AP)

BOGOTA

Colombian Rebels Free Last Known Foreign Hostage

Colombian rebels have freed their last known foreign hostage, an ailing 69-year-old Swede kidnapped nearly two years ago. The head of the DAS state security agency tells The Associated Press that guerrillas handed over Roland Larsson to detectives on Tuesday. The official, Felipe Munoz, says Larsson was suffering from paralysis and that various Swedish nongovernmental organizations had sought his freedom. (AP)

NORTHERN IRELAND | SHAMROCK SHUFFLE



FESTIVE FASHION: Costumed revelers march in a St. Patrick's Day parade in Belfast, Northern Ireland, on Tuesday.

French Lawmakers OK NATO Return

PARIS | French President Nicolas Sarkozy's government on Tuesday won a parliamentary confidence vote prompted by his plans to rejoin NATO's military command, which many legislators fear would compromise France's independence.

Lawmakers voted 329-238 in favor of the government's foreign policy after hours of heated debate over France's role in NATO in the National Assembly, the lower house of parliament.

Conservative Prime Minister

Francois Fillon proposed the no-confidence motion amid heavy opposition from both the left and right to boosting ties with NATO.

Seeking consensus, Fillon said that in exchange for returning to the alliance's military command, France would "doubtless" be given a key command in Norfolk, Va. (AP)

Olmert Blames Hamas for Failed Prisoner Trade

JERUSALEM | A somber Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert on Tuesday blamed Hamas for deadlocked talks that failed to win freedom for a soldier held nearly three years in Gaza, declaring that Israel would not free all the prisoners demanded by the Islamic militants in exchange.

In a statement broadcast live on Israeli TV and radio stations, Olmert said efforts would continue, but his tone indicated that there was no chance for a deal while he is premier. Benjamin Netanyahu is putting together Israel's next government, which is expected to be a hard-line team less sympathetic to Hamas demands.

The soldier, Sgt. Gilad Shalit, 22, was captured in a June 2006 cross-border raid by Hamas-linked militants who killed two other soldiers. STEVE WEIZMAN (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: A poll released Monday by ABC, BBC and NHK shows that 21 percent of Iraqis feel their life is very good, compared with 13 percent in March 2008.

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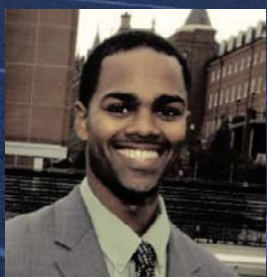
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World



VANISHING ACT: A new Brazilian geography textbook for sixth-graders doesn't include Ecuador on its South America map, and botches the location of many of Brazil's neighbors.

Russia to Bolster Military

President announces
upgrades in response
to NATO expansion

MOSCOW | Russia's defense minister on Tuesday accused the United States of beefing up its military presence near Russian borders and poaching for mineral wealth there, signaling that Moscow could take a tough position in upcoming talks with President Obama's new administration.

Anatoly Serdyukov's statement — made alongside President Dmitry Medvedev at a meeting of the military's top brass — reflected deeply entrenched Russian suspicions despite Obama's desire to improve relations with Moscow.

Medvedev, meanwhile, cited NATO expansion, international



IVAN SEKRETA/REUTERS/GETTY IMAGES

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev described military upgrades Tuesday.

terrorism and regional conflicts as reasons why upgrading Russia's nuclear forces was the top priority in an ambitious military modernization plan that he pledged to pursue despite the worst economic

crisis in a decade.

Relations with Russia plunged to a post-Cold War low under the previous U.S. administration, whose plans to build missile defense sites in Eastern Europe and bring ex-Soviet republics into NATO angered Moscow.

Medvedev's first meeting with Obama next month will set the tone for talks over a new arms control treaty and other major disputes — and Russia is signaling that it will be a tough negotiating partner.

"U.S. aspirations have been aimed at getting access to raw materials, energy and other resources" of ex-Soviet nations, Serdyukov told military officers. "Active support was given to the processes aimed at pushing Russia out of the sphere of its traditional interests."

VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV (AP)



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Madagascar Leader Quits

Top military generals hand power to ousted president's opponent

ANTANANARIVO, MADAGASCAR | Madagascar's top generals handed over control of this Indian Ocean island nation to the toppled president's rival on Tuesday, hours after the president resigned and tried to put the military in charge.

In a ceremony broadcast from a military camp in the capital, Vice-Admiral Hyppolite Rarison Ramaroson said he and two other generals rejected a move earlier Tuesday by the ousted president, Marc Ravalomanana, to transfer power to a military directorate.

Instead, Ramaroson said opposition leader Andry Rajoelina would be the country's leader.



Opposition leader Andry Rajoelina celebrates in Antananarivo, Madagascar.

For months, Rajoelina — who had been mayor of the capital — has been pressing Ravalomanana to step down as president. His confrontation with Ravalomanana had led to deadly clashes.

After weeks of insisting he

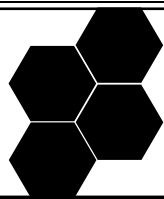
“Power belongs to the people.”

ANDRY RAJOELINA,
OPPOSITION LEADER

would never resign, Ravalomanana announced Tuesday he was ceding control to the military. Almost as he spoke, Rajoelina was parading triumphantly through the capital.

Rajoelina had said in an interview with the French television station LCI that he had the support of “soldiers, government workers, unions — that is to say, all the country's key groups.”

“Power belongs to the people,” he said. LOVASA RABARY-RAKOTONDRAVONY (AP)



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Apple Unveils New iPhone Software

Company adds basic copy/paste function to the device's interface

CUPERTINO, CALIF. | Apple Inc. is updating its software for iPhones so that users can cut, copy and paste text — a basic computing feature that was missing from the gadget that seems to do everything.

At an iPhone event for journalists Tuesday at Apple headquarters, the company also pledged to broaden the way that third-party software programmers can build and sell content for the device.

Among other things, software developers now will be able to create applications that have items for sale within them, such as electronic books or additional levels of a video game. And developers will be able to access the music within users' iPhone libraries, so songs they own can be included in games, for example.

Despite the adulation over the iPhone, which shook up the smart phone market after launching in 2007, many users wondered why it couldn't cut and paste text. Scott Forstall, Apple's senior vice president of iPhone software, said it was



Apple executive Scott Forstall talks about the new iPhone 3.0 software.

The third-generation iPhone software will be released this summer.

"not obvious" how to overcome several hurdles, including getting cut and paste to work with the device's touch-screen interface.

Now, Apple said, the third generation of iPhone software, due to be released this summer, will

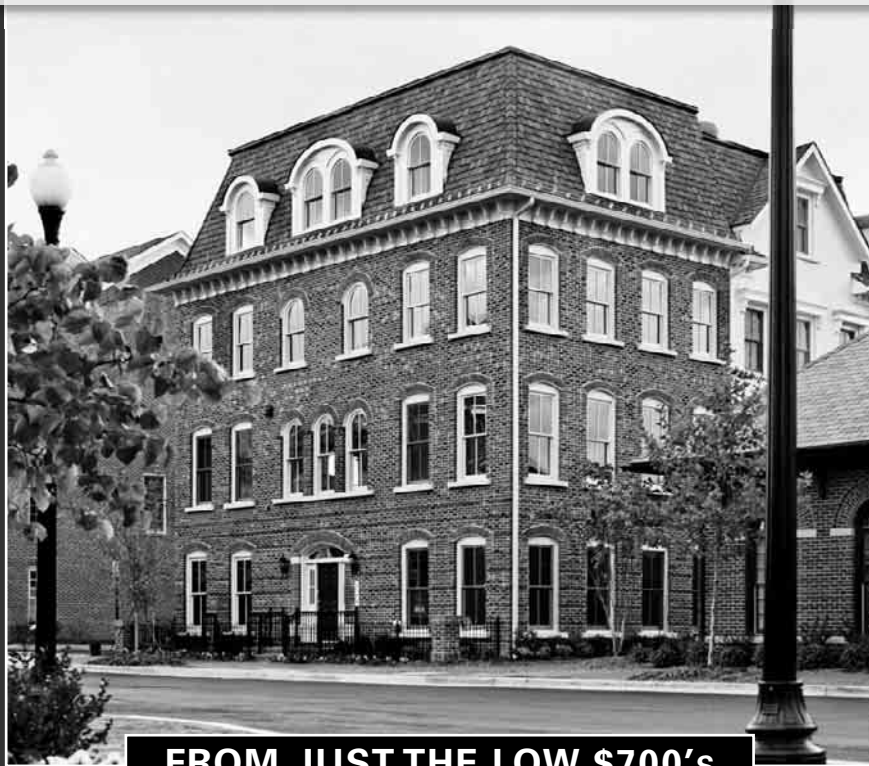
let users copy information from notes and Web pages, and let users move text between different applications.

The new software will be available in a free download for iPhones. Getting the software on the iPod Touch will cost \$9.95.

In another effort to make the device more useful, Apple promises a search function called "Spotlight" that lets people hunt for information in multiple applications at once.

Other twists in the new iPhone software include the shake-to-shuffle-songs capability first introduced on the latest iPod Nano; a voice memo application; and a function that will let the iPhone work with Bluetooth headphones and speakers. RACHEL METZ (AP)

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Local

No Bail for Ex-D.C. Official

Judge says evidence is 'overwhelming' in tech manager case

A former D.C. government technology manager was ordered held without bail Tuesday by a federal judge who said the evidence against him was "overwhelming."

Yusuf Acar, 40, has been held at the D.C. jail since his arrest Thursday on allegations he ran a complex bribery and kickback scam out of the D.C. Office of the Chief Technology Officer.

U.S. Magistrate Judge John M. Facciola ordered the detention after a brief hearing in U.S. District Court. Prosecutors argued that Acar

BIG MONEY BUST

→ When Acar was arrested, agents found about \$70,000 in cash in his house, prosecutors said.

→ They had alleged that \$4,500 was discovered in the pajamas Acar was wearing when he was arrested. Prosecutors Tuesday said they were mistaken; agents found the money in Acar's pants.

posed a flight risk and estimated the alleged fraud cost the D.C. government at least \$500,000.

They have said he told an informant in a tape-recorded conversation that he would "jump on the next plane" to his native Turkey if authori-

ties caught on to his alleged crimes. They also said they believe he gave \$100,000 in cash to relatives who took that money back to Turkey. And, they have said, he was trying to set up bank accounts in other countries to hide the illicit funds.

Acar's attorney, federal public defender Dani Jahn, argued that her client did not pose a flight risk. He has four children and lives with his wife, Galen, in Northwest Washington, Jahn said.

Jahn said that Acar, who was born in Turkey, became a U.S. citizen in 1995 and was "just boasting" when he told an informant that he planned to escape or set up bank accounts in other countries.

DEL QUENTIN WILBER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

WASHINGTON | ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT THE ZOO



GORILLA GOES GREEN: Baraka, a 16-year-old silverback western lowland gorilla, eats green rice cereal, which was used to paint a shamrock on a wall of his living area at the National Zoo on Tuesday for St. Patrick's Day.

D.C. School Enrollment Declining

Audited enrollment figures confirm that D.C. public schools suffered their steepest annual decline since the District started using an outside firm a decade ago to verify the student population.

Enrollment for the 2008-09 academic year stands at 45,190, down 8.5 percent from last year's 49,422. That figure has spiraled steadily downward, to 80,000 in 1980 and to 67,000 in 2000.

Public charter schools continue their upward trend, showing a more than 14 percent rise over last year, to 25,729 from 21,947. Charters now represent slightly more than 36 percent of the District's total public school enrollment.

It appeared initially that the DCPS drop would not be as steep. An Oct. 6 count showed 46,208 students in the system's 120 schools. But a subsequent review of student records by Thompson, Cobb, Bazilio and Associates — the audit firm retained by the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) — confirmed it was a larger drop. BILL TURQUE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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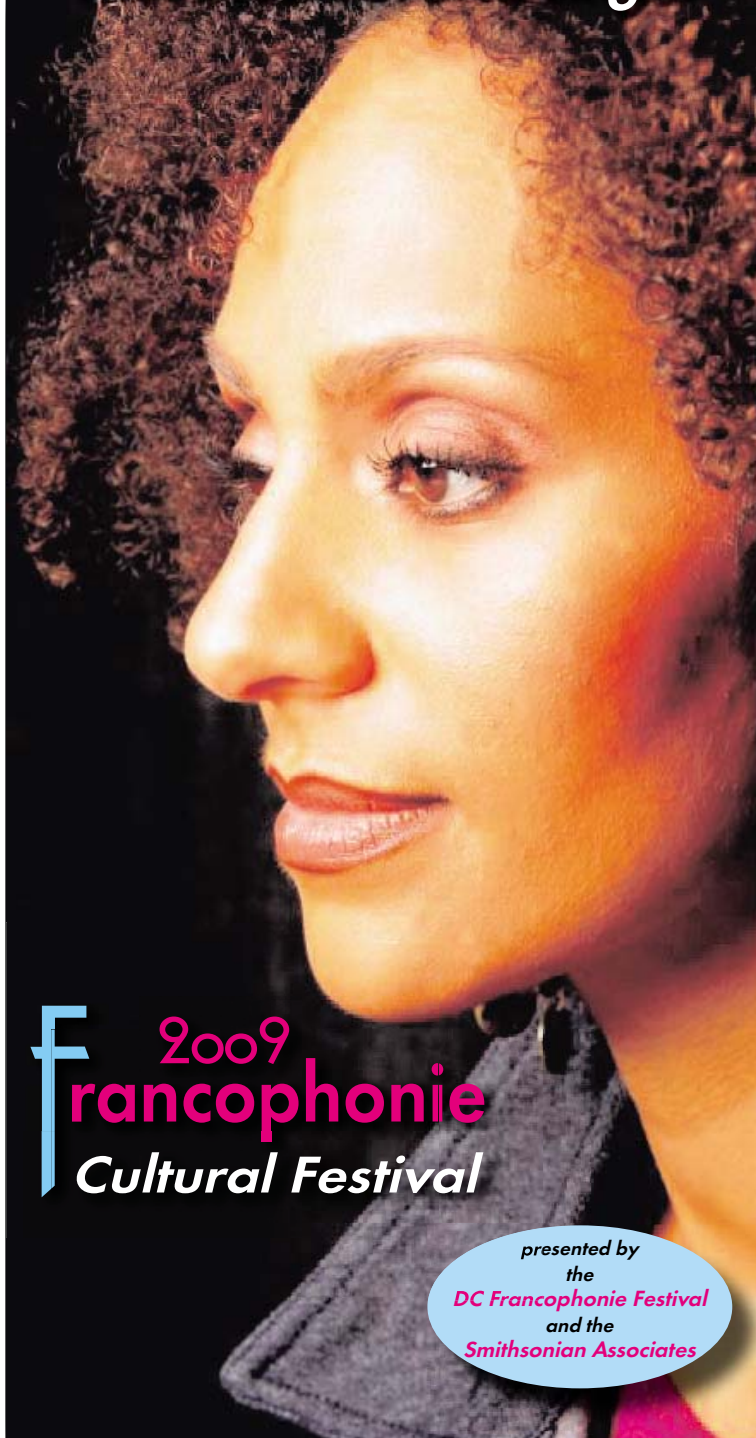
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Travel

Wisconsin's Cheese Whizzes

Eat your way through the state at its dairy farms and factories

DESTINATIONS | It's possible, even pleasurable, to eat one's way through Wisconsin.

The state has nearly 140 licensed cheese factories, and most are small operations that focus on a few specialty cheeses. That makes it the perfect place to do the dairy equivalent of a Napa Valley winery tour. In a few hours, foodies can sample the only Limburger made in the

United States, meet one of the last cheesemakers to use glazed bricks to make brick cheese and try the state's signature cheese curds.

The Department of Tourism and the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board are each introducing itineraries this spring for driving trips through Wisconsin.

But be prepared to rise early and call before you hit the road. While many cheesemakers have retail stores that are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., most limit access to the plant because of health regulations.

Even at those factories offering



The Beechwood Cheese Company in Beechwood, Wis., specializes in flavored cheeses. Many cheesemakers sell their products at retail stores across the state.

tours or viewing, cheesemaking tends to start early and wrap up before 11 a.m.

Hiram Smith, a farmer on the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents, opened Wisconsin's first cheese factory near Sheboygan in 1859. Today, 1 in every 4 pounds of cheese sold in the U.S. is made in Wisconsin, according to the Milk Marketing Board.

"Just like Napa Valley has become synonymous with the wine country, Wisconsin has developed a reputation as an epicenter for specialty cheese," Tourism Secretary Kelli Trumble said.

There's no cheesemaking plant in Milwaukee, but groceries and cheese shops carry varieties from across the state. M.L. JOHNSON (AP)

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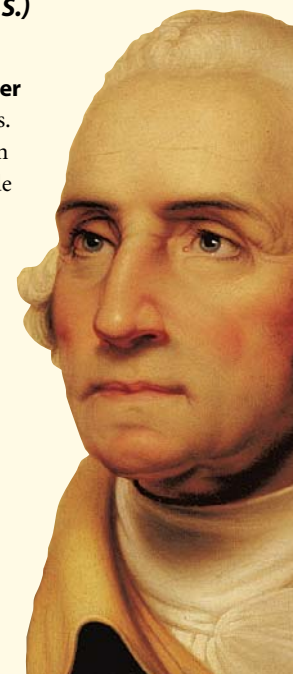
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The 2009 Toyota Venza costs \$25,975 for the front-wheel-drive base model with a 2.7-liter, 182-horsepower four-cylinder. With options, it can go for close to \$40,000.

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Toyota Venza doesn't live up to definition of far-fetched moniker

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NAMES | Don't bother parsing it. Toyota says the name of the new Venza is a phonological construction out of the words "adventure" and "Monza," the famous Italian racetrack. Good Lord. That's so far-fetched you need a starship to get there.

How about Camragon, which marries "Camry" (the Venza is largely based on the Camry platform) and "station wagon," which it most certainly is? I'd also accept HighRex, because the car combines the ground clearance of the Toyota Highlander with much of the Lexus RX350's techy swash.

Might I also modestly suggest the name Crossolepsy, to signify the crossover it is and the narcolepsy it will induce?

Right, I know — that's mean. Expecting driving thrills from the Venza is like reading the Book of Revelation for party jokes. This is a perfectly serviceable and safe apparatus to move bits of suburban protoplasm back and forth.

Moreover, the Venza is priced

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If you really go bonkers, you can brush \$40,000. Tempting options include the panoramic moonroof, auto-dimming high-intensity headlights, the JBL sound system, optional large-display navigation and a rear-camera system — wrapped up in a leather-upholstered bow.

As for the Venza's performance, it's certainly not adventurous, and it resembles "Monza" only in its final syllable. **DAN NEIL** (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



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Entertainment

A Do-Little Doctor

Washingtonian Ali Wentworth takes notes in 'Head Case'

LEATHER COUCH | A therapist in practice on a comedy or drama can't always claim progress for the client being treated.

Sure, Dr. Jennifer Melfi made some inroads with moody mobster Tony Soprano. But Dr. Bob Hartley was often psyched out by the kooks he counseled on the classic "Bob Newhart Show." The point is, on TV make-believe as in real life, some shrinks are better than others.

Dr. Elizabeth Goode is one of the worst. As she comically demonstrates on "Head Case," she's pushy, judgmental, self-absorbed and less than self-aware. At \$450 per hour, she's a Beverly Hills-based clinician to the stars, which means her clients are too self-absorbed to notice most of her shortcomings.

Alexandra Wentworth is the engaging cutup who plays the Goode doctor in this half-hour improvised series, which she co-created and co-produces. It's back for its sec-



SHRINK WITH A WINK: The wickedly funny Ali Wentworth is Dr. Elizabeth Goode.

ond season Friday at 10 p.m. on the Starz cable network.

Real-life celebs play themselves as Dr. Goode's "clients." On the premiere, Janeane Garofalo rages at the unappealing tendency of children to grow into teenagers.

And another of her clients, Macy Gray, spills out graphic fantasies of getting freaky with Presi-

dent Obama. Visibly uncomfortable, Dr. Goode doesn't want to hear it. She prefers to talk about her fiancé.

Other guest stars in the 10-episode season include Jeff Probst, Hugh Hefner, Paulina Porizkova and Jerry Seinfeld.

Wentworth brings to "Head Case" her experience as an actress,

sketch comic and improv performer. Her credits include the Fox series "In Living Color" and "The Tonight Show," and the films "Office Space" and "The Love Bug."

Real-life celebs play themselves as Dr. Goode's 'clients.'

But, not surprisingly, "Head Case" also draws inspiration from Wentworth's history with shrinks, notably back when she was living in Los Angeles.

Now the 44-year-old Wentworth lives in her native Washington, D.C., with her husband, ABC News correspondent George Stephanopoulos, and their two daughters.

It's been six or seven years since she last saw a therapist, she says, and, rolling her eyes, cracks, "But I have had a bouillabaisse of crazy therapists. Crazy! Like when I was crying about my divorced parents and she asked me where I got my shoes." FRAZIER MOORE (AP)



Richardson, with her husband, in 2008.

Actress Injured On Slopes

ACCIDENT | Actress Natasha Richardson, critically injured in a skiing accident in Canada, was transported to the United States Tuesday. Richardson was hospitalized in Montreal after falling during a private lesson on a beginners trail at Mont Tremblant ski resort Monday.

Irishcentral.com reported that the Tony Award-winning actress, 45, and wife of Liam Neeson suffered a head injury. The New York Post followed with word that the actress was brain-dead and being transported on life support to her New York City home. She is the elder daughter of Oscar-winning actress Vanessa Redgrave. AMY LUFT (AP)W



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Livingstone Presumed

'Survivor' creator Mark Burnett tunes in to a real adventure

No immunity idols helped TV producer Mark Burnett's latest crew of adventurers, who retraced journalist Henry Stanley's 19th-century search in Africa for missing explorer David Livingstone. The TV series that came out of the trip, "Expedition Africa: Stanley & Livingstone," will unfold as an eight-part series on the History channel, starting in June. History channel chief Abbe



'EXPEDITION' WEST: Benedict Allen was one of four following Henry Stanley's path.

Raven said Monday she hoped it was the start of a franchise.

Burnett picked four people who had never met to make the nearly 1,000-mile trip through forbidding terrain, armed with a compass and old maps. They were hoping to duplicate in 30 days the trip made by newspaper reporter Stanley in 1871 to find Livingstone. "David Livingstone was like the Bono of his day, and he'd gotten lost," he said.

The adventurers Burnett cast all had TV experience: British adventurer series host Benedict Allen; war correspondent Kevin Sites; "National Geographic Explorer" correspondent Mireya Mayor; and Pasquale Scaturro, who followed the Nile River to its source for an Imax film, "Mystery of the Nile." The four

battled elements such as poisonous snakes and unsafe water. Burnett said 10 people in his 120-member crew contracted malaria. And, as viewers of the CBS "Survivor" series might expect, they battled each other at times.

It's the biggest investment History has ever made in an original series, Raven said. Burnett is already pushing for a series that follows the 13th-century journeys of Marco Polo. To do that, "Expedition" will have to draw a significantly greater audience than the network's regular programming, she said.

"It has to reach millions of people, no question about it," Raven said. "We believe it will." DAVID BAUDER (AP)

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PEPPERS' TASTE: A day after the Carolina Panthers dismissed an NFL.com report that DE Julius Peppers was close to being dealt to New England for a second-round pick, a person close to Peppers said Tuesday the Patriots are one of the teams for which he'd like to play.

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A Last Look at the Draw

And then there were two. We previewed the Midwest and West regions in Tuesday's Express — Louisville and Memphis were our Final Four picks, in case you missed it — and, as promised, we'll look at the East and South today. Be warned: These picks are subject to massive upsets that we can't foresee. **MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)**

EAST REGION

Top-four seeds: Pittsburgh, Duke, Villanova and Xavier

Players to watch: Pittsburgh's Sam Young, right; VCU's Eric Maynor

Upset special: No. 11 seed VCU over No. 6 seed UCLA

Best story would be: American scoring one for the Patriot League by stunning Villanova in Philadelphia.

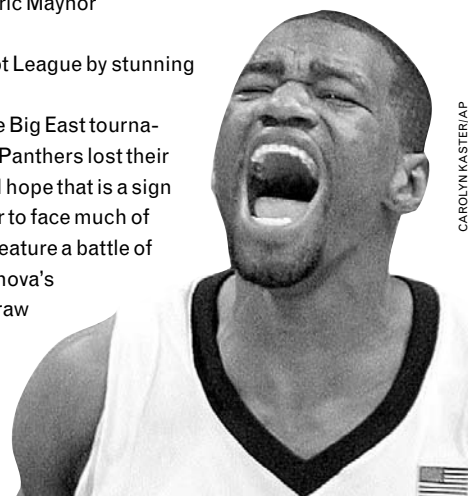


Maynor

Analysis: Pittsburgh typically stars in the Big East tournament and fades in the Big Dance. Well, the Panthers lost their first game in the league event last week and hope that is a sign for a reversal of fortune. Pitt doesn't appear to face much of a challenge until the Elite 8 — which could feature a battle of D.C. prep stars Pitt's Sam Young and Villanova's Scottie Reynolds. Villanova got a golden draw playing in Philadelphia during the first two rounds. In general, this seems to be the

worst region, with Duke a weak No. 2 seed and Xavier very questionable as a No. 4 seed.

The pick: Villanova



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

SOUTH REGION

Top-four seeds: North Carolina, Oklahoma, Syracuse and Gonzaga

Players to watch: North Carolina's Ty Lawson; Oklahoma's Blake Griffin, right

Upset special: No. 12 seed Western Kentucky over No. 5 seed Illinois.

Best story would be: Syracuse beating Stephen F. Austin in overtime — because the Orange didn't play enough extra sessions in the Big East tournament.



Lawson

Analysis: Let's assume you know what UNC will get from Tyler Hansbrough. So, the Tar Heels' fortunes rest on point guard Ty Lawson, whose toe injury sidelined him in North Carolina's abbreviated ACC tournament stay. The ACC player of the year has to be in top form or there may be an Earth-shattering upset against LSU. Gonzaga's placement in Portland should ensure a trip to the Sweet 16 after years of disappointments. Oklahoma hasn't looked the same since national player of the year candidate and potential No. 1 pick in the NBA draft Blake Griffin's concussion. But who's going to beat the Sooners? Michigan should upset sliding Clemson but seems no match for Griffin's group, which faces Morgan State in the first round.

The pick: North Carolina

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Williams Battles Through Criticism

UMd.'s up-and-down year ends in a trip to NCAA tournament

TERPS MEN'S HOOPS | During a season in which Gary Williams was often criticized for his poor recruiting, a determined squad of undersized players banded together to support their maligned coach.

Their joint efforts landed Maryland in the NCAA tournament.

"We never gave up," junior guard Greivis Vasquez said.

Mostly because Williams never stopped pushing the players. There were several ugly losses along the way: a drubbing against Morgan State, an 85-44 debacle at Duke and a near-disastrous slipup against lowly Virginia in the regular-season finale. But the fiery coach never gave up on his young, undersized crew.

"All I worried about this year was my team. I didn't worry about what people said about them or anything like that because we were trying to become a good basketball team," Williams said Sunday, moments



JONATHAN NEWTOWN/TWP

Maryland coach Gary Williams said he never gave up on his undersized young team this year. The team jelled at the right time and earned a No. 10 seed in the West.

after Maryland earned the No. 10 seed in the West Region.

When asked who made the most noise in the room when Maryland learned it received an invitation to the tournament, Williams replied, "It was me."

He was only kidding, but no one would have blamed him if he leaped in the air and broke out his signature fist pump.

"I know what coach Williams

has been through this year. He's had a tough time with the media over recruiting and his players," said Dave Neal, the only senior and at 6-foot-7, 263 pounds, is the largest starter. "The fact that we won 20 games, beat North Carolina, Michigan State and Wake, it's an awesome achievement for us. The fact that we're back in the NCAA tournament shows how great a coach he really is." **DAVID GINSBURG (AP)**

In Brief

HOUSTON

Rockets Forward Shot in Leg

Houston Rockets forward Carl Landry was shot in the left leg while driving near his home early Tuesday. The injury was minor, and the team said Landry was treated at a hospital and released. The Rockets said they expected Landry to return to action in one to three weeks. The shooting occurred about 2:30 a.m., a few hours after the Rockets returned from a game at New Orleans. Landry drove home after the team arrived about 12:30 a.m. **(AP)**

REDSKINS

Washington Adds Wynn For Depth on D-Line

Defensive end Renaldo Wynn is heading back to the Washington Redskins. Wynn has agreed to a free-agent contract with the Redskins, his team from 2002 to 2006. He played for the New York Giants last season, when he had two sacks in 11 games. The 34-year-old Wynn has 27 sacks in 12 NFL seasons with four teams. The Redskins released defensive end Jason Taylor this month. **(AP)**



Redskins: For the latest on what's going on at the Redskins' offseason workouts | washingtonpost.com/sports

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON MASN) The Nationals face their division rivals, the Marlins, in an exhibition game.

NIT HOOPS (7 P.M. AND 9 P.M. ON ESPN2) Georgetown versus Baylor is the night-cap after Miami at Providence.

MORE NIT (7 P.M. ON ESPN2) Virginia Tech is at Duquesne.

NBA (10:30 P.M. ON CSN) The Wizards take

on the Clippers in Los Angeles.

MORE NBA (7 P.M. AND 9:30 P.M. ON ESPN) Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat visit the Boston Celtics; Houston hosts Detroit.

TENNIS (4 P.M. AND 10:30 P.M. ON FSN) The men's round of 16 and women's quarterfinals of the Paribas Open in Indian Springs, Calif.

Sports

14 The number of women's college basketball teams in the NCAA tournament with perfect graduation rates, according to a report released Monday by the University of Central Florida. No. 1 UConn. is among the 14 teams; Maryland has a 67 percent rate.

Terps Set Sights On Trip to Raleigh

No. 1 seed will start run for NCAA title with games at home

TERPS WOMEN'S HOOPS | Even though they probably knew it was coming, the third-ranked Maryland women's basketball team let out a collective cheer Monday night after being named a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

The Terrapins (28-4) stand atop the Raleigh Region. The Atlantic Coast Conference champions will open play Sunday at home against Ivy League champion Dartmouth (18-10).

"I'm just thrilled about our bracket, our matchups," coach Brenda Frese said. "I love the fact that we were able to get and earn a [No.] 1 seed in Raleigh for our fans so they can travel."

If the Terrapins beat Dartmouth, they will play the winner of the Villanova-Utah game in the second round Tuesday.

Then it's a trip to North Carolina, almost certainly with several thousand backers in tow.

Because Maryland won the ACC regular-season title and then backed



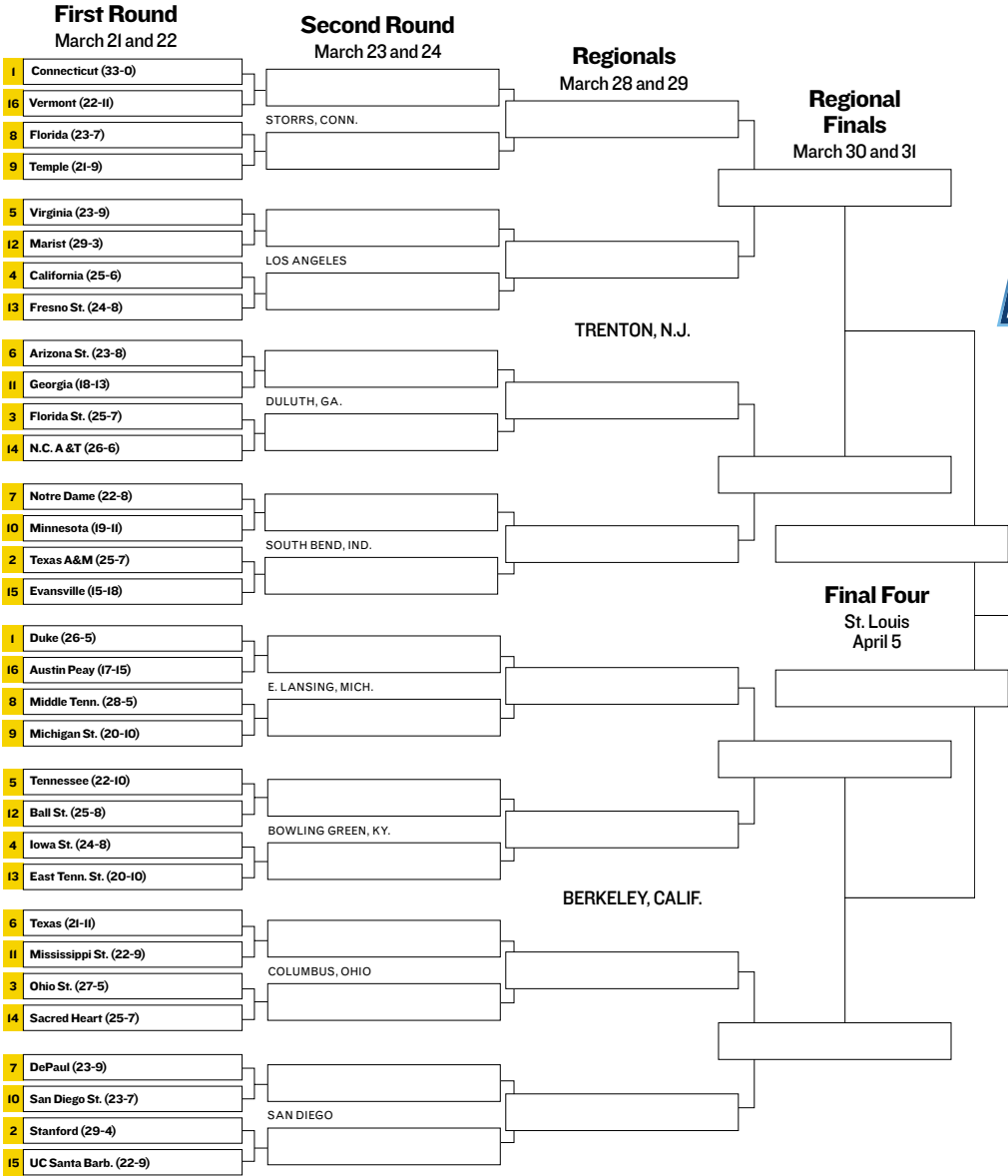
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Brenda Frese led Maryland to the ACC regular-season and tournament titles.

it up with its first ACC tournament win in 20 years, there seemed to be little doubt the Terrapins would garner a top seed.

Frese and her players knew they would begin play at the Comcast Center in College Park, where Maryland has won 34 straight, but the biggest mystery was where they would go next.

"The biggest thing is we were hoping we would be in Raleigh," Frese said. "We expect to see a sea of red in the stands if we make it and continue on." DAVID GINSBURG (AP)



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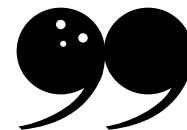
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LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

North Bethesda

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Television

ENCORE! ENCORE!: HBO confirmed "Sopranos" scribe David Chase is returning to the cable network with "A Ribbon of Dreams." The forthcoming miniseries tracks the creation of Hollywood as two fictional characters become studio moguls. (AP)



Manufactured Laughter

ABC's new comedy 'Ted' is manic but not always very funny

BOARDROOM | The new comedy "Better Off Ted" (8:30 p.m., ABC) was probably not intended as a "Mad Men" parody, but it sure looks like one.

Jay Harrington stars in the title role as the buttoned-down team leader in an amoral corporation that manufactures and markets everything from office chairs to cluster bombs. His demeanor and speaking style seem directly patterned on Jon Hamm's Don Draper character from "Mad Men," and both shows evoke claustrophobia with photography that emphasizes low ceilings and fluorescent lighting.

Ted's subordinates include Phil



CORPORATE AMERICA: Jay Harrington, left, as a suit in a not-so-funny office.

(Jonathan Slavin) and Lem (Malcolm Barrett), two mad scientists who bicker like an old married couple. A single dad, Ted must

also fend off a mutual attraction he shares with the fetching Linda (Andrea Anders).

Portia de Rossi, who was wonderfully obtuse on "Arrested Development," plays Veronica, Ted's boss and the show's most pivotal character. A send-up of the soulless executive, Veronica speaks as if human interaction were an acquired second language and delivers corporate edicts with a succinct take-it-or-leave-it finality.

Like Veronica, "Ted" exudes a brittle weirdness that's difficult to ignore. It's not as cloying and self-consciously cute as "Scrubs," but it affects the same "nothing matters, so anything can happen" attitude that makes for lower stakes and fewer laughs than really smart satire. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

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The saucepan roils on **THE CHOPPING BLOCK** (8 p.m., NBC).

OCEAN'S ONE

Matt Damon narrates **JOURNEY TO PLANET EARTH: THE STATE OF THE WORLD'S OCEANS** (8 p.m., PBS).

BRIEF CASE

Corporate sabotage is suspected on **LIE TO ME** (8 p.m., Fox).

SAD SONGS

A contestant goes home on **AMERICAN IDOL** (9 p.m., Fox).

ABOUT THAT POLAR BEAR ...

Sawyer/La Fleur (Josh Holloway) continues to spin his yarn on **LOST** (9 p.m., ABC).

ONE OF THEIR OWN

A medical examiner dies mysteriously on **CSI: NY** (10 p.m., CBS).

JETS VS. SHARKS

Coolness is explored on **IMPORTANT THINGS WITH DEMETRI MARTIN** (10 p.m., Comedy Central).



SECOND HELPING: Craig Ferguson doubles up as guest and host tonight.

THE SCOTTISH PLAY, ACT I

Craig Ferguson appears as a guest on **THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN** (11:35 p.m., CBS).

THE SCOTTISH PLAY, ACT II

Craig Ferguson hosts **THE LATE, LATE SHOW** (12:37 a.m., CBS). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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GRAVELCORE IS THE NEW BLACK: Pree's May Tabol's unique vocals lend this local indie band something a little different.

A Voice on the Rocks

Pree invokes Modest Mouse, fronted by a growling lioness

MUSIC | When May Tabol sings, it sounds like she has rocks in her mouth. That's not an insult, either: Her distinctive voice is what helps give Pree's hypnotic indie-folk songs

such a unique sound.

"I wanted Pree to have a bit of a jarring character, so I thought an affected voice would be more appropriate for that than what one would use for singing harmonies or something of that nature," said Tabol, 25. "I also like the idea that singing doesn't have to necessarily be pretty, at least in a

traditional sense, in order to be compelling."

On Pree's debut release, the "Chopping Block" EP (the Kora Records), Tabol sounds like a mixture of Cat Power's Chan Marshall and Modest Mouse's Isaac Brock, swallowing her words while belting lyrics that are full of longing.

Tabol is a former member of

TO HEAR Pree's music and read more of our interview, log onto Expressnightout.com

another D.C. group, Le Loup, which helped her focus her compositions.

"I'd written songs for a couple years before playing with Le Loup," she said, "but I'd had no real sounding board until I started playing with them and learning how to critically arrange and edit songs. Coming up with lines or riffs isn't necessarily difficult — the challenge is seeing each song through until it represents a unified and relevant idea, and then effectively capturing that in a recording."

The gorgeous "Chopping Block" captures the songs perfectly, sounding like a stripped-down, female-fronted Modest Mouse. The five tunes leave the listener wanting more, and Tabol promises a full album is in the works. Until then, swoon to her rocky voice at the Thursday CD release party.

CHRISTOPHER PORTER (EXPRESS)

→ *Black Cat*, 1811 14th St. NW; with Meredith Bragg, *Birdlips*, Thu., 9 p.m., \$8; 202-667-4490; Blackcatdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)

thescene



"A Chorus Line" dances its way back to D.C. with a run at the National Theatre.

THURSDAY

Nrityagram Dance Ensemble: Classical Indian dance melds with something modern in the hands of this company, which creates its pieces on a secluded compound in India. The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda; 8 p.m., \$12-\$48; 301-581-5199. (Grosvenor)

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus: The circus is in town! Resist the urge to run away with it; just let your inner child enjoy it. Tigers, trapeze artists and terrifying acts of bravery abound. Verizon Center, 601 F St. NW; 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., \$14-\$28; 202-628-3200. (Gallery Place)

FRIDAY

'A Chorus Line': The long-running musical about dancers is back after a Broadway revival. The story revolves around 16 hopefuls at a dance audition for a Broadway chorus and the stories they have to tell. National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 8 p.m., through Sunday, \$46.50-\$151.50; 202-628-6161. (Metro Center)

SATURDAY

'Light Field View': Artist Graham Caldwell's latest show, in his chosen medium of blown glass, will blow you away. The figures he's created seem like exotic plants or deep-sea animals rather than man-made objects. G Fine Art, 1515 14th St. NW; through March 31, free; 202-462-1601. (U St.-Cardozo)

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2 Jesus Christ, Getting Old

This religious rock musical tends to get church groups up in arms, but the message is actually very mainstream. It's the last week of Jesus' life, set to a soft-rock score. This production stars Ted Neeley, the star of the movie version — which came out in 1973. F.Z. → Warner Theatre, 513 13th St. NW; through Sunday, \$40-\$45; 202-783-4000. (Metro Center)

Plainsong Pop

New Pornographers frontman A.C. Newman seems to have found his niche in the indie power-pop scene by incorporating complex songwriting with catchy hooks. After the band took a short hiatus in 2004 to pursue solo projects, this Vancouver vocalist came on the scene with the carefully crafted album "The Slow Wonder." Faithful to the Pornos? No worries, Newman doesn't veer far from the New Pornographers' sound. N.O.

→ *Black Cat*, 1811 14th St. NW; 8 p.m., \$15; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)



Taking on the World

Artist, comedian, activist? It seems there's nothing that up-and-comer Dave Barnes can't do. After starting out doing a little stand-up in his hometown of Nashville, Tenn., Barnes initially began writing songs for other acoustic pop artists, but was encouraged to do his own performing. He arrived with his first record label debut release, "Me and You and the World" last year. The album reflects his work with the Mocha Club — which builds orphanages and supplies medical care in Africa. N.O.

→ *Jammin' Java*, 227 Maple Avenue E., Vienna, Va.; 7:30 p.m., \$15-\$18; 703-255-1566.

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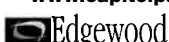
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Health

Chinese massages gain a new toehold in southern California

Ching Lau is already the sole man of southern California, but he won't be satisfied until every American has beaten a path to the door of a foot massage parlor.

For Lau isn't just a businessman — he's a man on a mission. His quest: to spread the ancient Chinese art of having one's feet dunked in steaming hot tubs of water, then pinched, poked and prodded, all in the name of good health.

"I think foot massage can be for, how many American people are there? Three hundred million? I want to do it for all of them," Lau says with a grin as he sits in his Oriental Natural Treatment spa, one of two dozen he runs.

He's made a significant dent already; before he arrived in San Gabriel, Calif., a city of 27,000 people, there was one foot massage parlor. Now there are 27, city officials say. More than 100 others operate in several nearby suburban cities, making this sprawling suburban area just east of Los Angeles the foot massage capital of the country.

The area has a large Asian population, but Asians aren't the only ones hotfooting it here for a massage.

"When we first started, we had just a little bit, but now we have a lot of American customers," says Lau.

Later that night, Michelle Monroe comes hurriedly through the door of the Natural Herbal Treatment Spa and, in an anxious voice, announces: "We've got eight people in our party."

Outside, restaurants and stores are closing up for the night, disgorging hordes of people with tired feet. Soon, all the little storefront businesses with the distinctive

neon signs shaped like feet will be filling up.

But Monroe and friends have beaten the rush, and a few minutes later they are plunking their feet into wooden tubs of herb-laden water that is just hot enough to be mildly uncomfortable.

As it cools, though, the sounds of blissful ohhhing and ahhhhing can be

“How many American people are there? Three hundred million? I want to do it for all of them.”

CHING LAU, SPA OWNER



According to Chinese legend, massaging the nerves of the feet can help cure headaches and kidney ailments, prevent ulcers, and even help you live longer.

heard as men and women dressed in martial arts-looking outfits begin poking and prodding feet, pushing and pulling on toes.

"I wish I could get one of these every night," a now laid-back Mon-

roe whispers softly as she relaxes in a soft, oversized leather chair. In the background is the steady "slap, slap, slap" of hands on feet.

Meanwhile, down the street, Yi Hang is standing at the door of her

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HAPPIER FEET: Patrons receive Chinese-style foot massages at the Oriental Natural Treatment Clinic in Alhambra, Calif.

A Treat For Feet

BCT Foot and Body Massage spa, inviting passers-by to kick back.

"It's very healthy," she says of the practice that experts on Asian medicine say dates to at least the 12th century. "So many people spend so many hours on the computer these days that they have a lot of neck and shoulder pain and headaches, and the massage really helps."

According to Chinese legend, the nerves in the feet are connected to every part of the body and, as a result, massages can cure headaches and kidney ailments, prevent ulcers, and even help you live longer.

Western medical experts discount that, although several do

acknowledge that a good massage can leave a person feeling like they are walking on air.

"What happens is when the muscles are tight, when you press gently and gingerly, you release the pressure and you feel much better," says Dr. Shri Mishra, a neurologist and expert in Asian medicine.

"But, no," Mishra adds, "there is no evidence it can cure disease."

Still, Lau maintains, isn't feeling good half the battle?

That's why the former international trader says he got into the foot-massage business. He wanted to make money doing something that was good for people. JOHN ROGERS (AP)

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MUSIC

Magic Melodies

To fully understand the lyrics on A.C. Newman's "Get Guilty," you're going to need a creative-writing decoder. But Aaron Leitko says the New Pornographers frontman's latest solo CD is anything but an enigma when it comes to melodies, hooks and pop. Newman plays at the Black Cat Wednesday. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



ENTERTAINMENT

\m/ Weekend

Sonar is hosting the two-day "A Weekend of Metal" festival this weekend (almost like spring training for the three-day Maryland Deathfest VII that starts there May 22). Christopher Porter has a guide to the 20 bands playing at the Baltimore club, including an interview with Sweden's Darkane. | [ONLINE NOW](#)

NEWSLETTER

He's Got Soul

In this week's ExpressNightOut Newsletter: enter for a chance to win a pair of free tickets to see Seal in concert at the Merriweather Post Pavilion or enter our Cash for Your Crib contest. Get more info by subscribing at [Expressnightout.com/newsletter](#). | [ONLINE NOW](#)



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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

DO YOU THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO ADD SIGNS TO THE MALL TO IDENTIFY NATIONAL LANDMARKS?

NO 53%

YES 47%



"Putting signs on things just detracts from their artistic beauty. Unless it's a bathroom, lose the sign; that's what maps are for."

COMMENTER DEN HOLLIDEN, RESPONDING TO TUESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "DO YOU THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO ADD SIGNS TO THE MALL TO IDENTIFY NATIONAL LANDMARKS?"

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Assuming everyone who visits knows what every landmark already looks like and where it is is really arrogant."

COMMENTER KEVIN, WHO ADDED, "THUS, HAVING SIGNS DIRECT PEOPLE TO LANDMARKS, AND OTHER SIGNS TO LET THEM KNOW THEY'VE ARRIVED, IS A GOOD IDEA."

“

Some of the more obscure sites probably could benefit from new signs. As for signs identifying icons you can find on any postcard ... I think that's a little much."

COMMENTER TSCREAM80, WHO ADDED, "EVEN I KNOW WHAT THE TAJ MAHAL LOOKS LIKE."

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Blog LOG

"The Snuggie is my go-to fall-asleep item when I'm cold and lonely and need a cuddle. I keep it folded neatly [in] the blanket basket next to my bed."

LIFEISTHEPROPERBINGE.BLOGSPOT.COM UNABASHEDLY ASKED HER FAMILY FOR A SNUGGIE FOR CHRISTMAS BUT DIDN'T GET ONE. SHE THEN BOUGHT ONE HERSELF AND IS LOVING IT.



ANDREA BRUCE/TWP

"For me, the real harbinger of spring is the earthworm. When they all appear after a good rain, you know spring is on its way. [Tuesday] morning they were out in full force, slowly wriggling their way across [my] driveway."

LOOKING2LIVE.BLOGSPOT.COM THINKS THE FIRST REAL SIGN OF WARMER WEATHER IS FINALLY UPON US.

"I'm shocked that Mocha Hut has closed. On a weekend, I usually had trouble getting a table if I went in after 10 a.m."

U STREET GIRL.WORDPRESS.COM IS SADDENED BY THE SHUTTERING OF THE U STREET COFFEE SHOP, ADDING, "I'M ALWAYS GOING TO HAVE A PLACE IN MY HEART FOR MOCHA HUT'S BREAKFASTS."



"I, FOR ONE, see nothing wrong with Sen. Grassley's using this analogy, considering that AIG was one of the many kamikaze planes that sought to crash and burn the U.S. economy for lack of no other reason but greed."

A COMMENTER AT **CAPITOLHILLBLUE.COM** WAS NOT APPALLED BY THE IOWA SENATOR'S CALL ON AIG EXECUTIVES TO "RESIGN OR GO COMMIT SUICIDE."

Discussions

Michael Wilbon

Post columnist **MICHAEL WILBON** was online Tuesday and talked about bracket upsets, Tiger or Phil, the next Wizards coach and more.



My mind is bending just looking at this bracket over and over! Wake over Louisville? Wash

over UConn? Villanova over Pitt? Gonzaga or UNC? Is Syracuse too tired, or can they make it through? Clemson over Oklahoma? Help! How do you make the decision on an upset in the later rounds?

Last year, four No. 1 seeds made it for the only time since the tournament began seeding in 1979. It won't happen again this year. So,

I'm picking upsets. Not in every game. You pick your spots. But don't look for tips here! I'm in office pools, and I think we're doing one on [washingtonpost.com](#) — which you should look for — and I'm in it to win it, so I'm keeping all my secrets close.

Who will win more majors this year: Tiger or Phil? It looks like Mickelson is poised to have one last great year, but then again he does have that history snatching a defeat from the jaws of victory.

The bet is always Tiger, right? For me it is. Phil is great. He's going to retire with, what, four or five major championships? Maybe six? Tiger's going to have three times that many, at least. Tiger's the best, so my money this year would be on Tiger ... on no worse than a draw ... perhaps one each this year? A push!

I'd like to see Mark Jackson named the next Wizards coach. I think he would be a perfect fit.

I think Mark will be a good NBA coach, absolutely. I also think Avery Johnson would be one of my first phone calls. NBA Finals three years ago, don't forget.

What do you think about President Obama's naming Steelers owner Dan Rooney to be the ambassador to Ireland? Could we see a football game in Ireland someday?

Dan Rooney, a lifelong Republican, campaigned publicly for Obama in Pennsylvania and nationally, so this comes as no great surprise. American football in Ireland? The NFL tried that and nobody cared.



TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:

Who should you avoid in the first round of your fantasy baseball draft? Rotowire editor Chris Liss offers tips at 2 p.m. | [washingtonpost.com/discussions](#).

Bizarro | Dan Piraro



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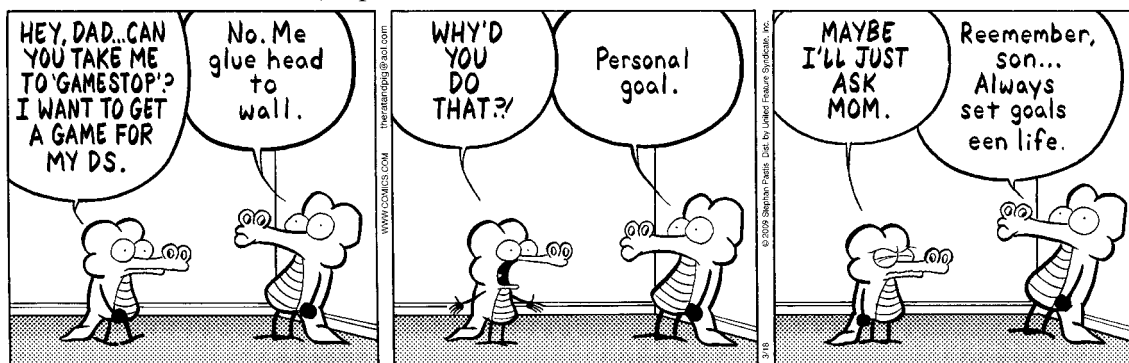


"Worth as a person isn't tied to external validation. That said, as long as you can afford therapy, you're worth it."

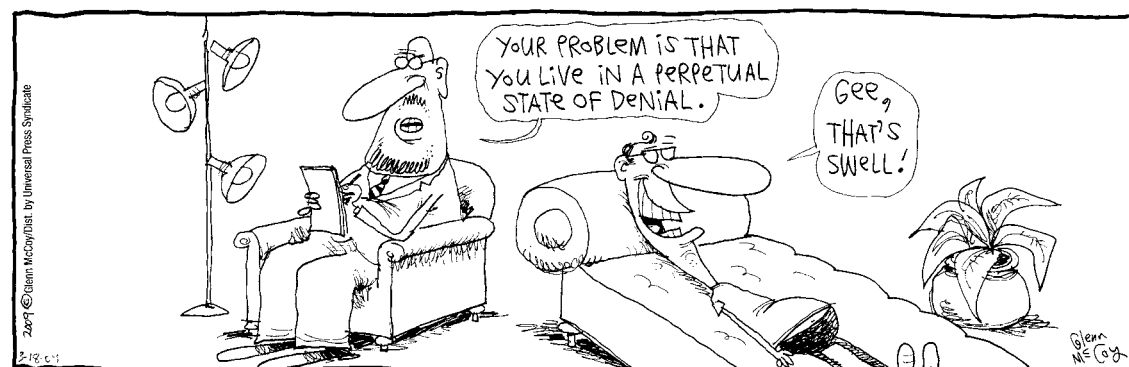
Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Interpersonal dynamics may strike you as odd during the first part of the day. Chalk it up to the tension resulting from trying something new as a team.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) How you advertise your ideas can make a big difference to you today, tomorrow and in the days to come. Be direct; don't try to mislead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Are you really ready to abandon that pet project you've been working on for so long? You may get the chance to make it official.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Avoid coming on too strong when given the opportunity to speak your mind. You may find that it's more valuable to listen than to speak.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A number of offers out there speak directly to you, but don't jump at the first to come your way. Make an informed decision.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can give someone a deal and come out ahead yourself. Economic realities must be dealt with,

but they can be dealt with creatively.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It may be time for you to break with tradition in some ways and go it alone. For the first time in awhile, you feel your potential increasing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) The social scene can afford you a good deal of recreation, but also the chance for a little honest reflection. Listen to what others say about you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You're going to want to keep things organized at all times. Any hint of chaos must be nipped in the bud. Insist that others play by the rules.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may realize that there's a time limit of sorts that you must restrict yourself to at work or play. Are you on task?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're likely to meet up with someone who claims to know exactly what you're up to and why. Further investigation may be in order.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may be able to take advantage of more than one opportunity at a time—but take care. You don't want to overburden yourself.

Letters

Circus Story Objectionable

I AM APPALLED by the article on the Express Night Out page that suggested that the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus is "fun" ("Just Don't Run Away and Join It," March 17). Furthermore, the

picture Express chose to run with the story showed an elephant and an elephant trainer with a bullhook in his hand! Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey beats, confines and mistreats its animals. Express is usually such an animal-friendly newspaper. What were you thinking?

—KIM CHONEY
Alexandria, Va.

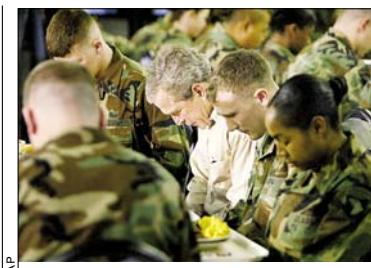
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Today in History

1922 Mohandas K. Gandhi is sentenced in India to six years in prison for civil disobedience.

1965 The first spacewalk takes place as Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov goes outside his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether.

2004 Addressing thousands of soldiers at Fort Campbell, Ky., President George W. Bush warns that terrorists can never be appeased and says there is no safety for any nation that "lives at the mercy of gangsters and mass murderers."



Bush prays with Fort Campbell troops.

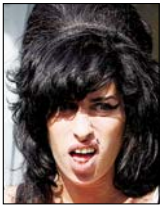
2008 The just-inaugurated governor of New York, David Paterson, and his wife, Michelle, both acknowledge having had affairs during a time when their marriage was troubled.

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MAKEOVER
Addict-Chic Is ‘So Last Year’
AMY WINEHOUSE turned a court appearance into a spring fashion show Tuesday as she pleaded not guilty to assaulting a fan at a party last year. The 25-year-old star known for battles with addiction and frequent run-ins with the law stepped



out of a car wearing a low-cut floral mini-dress and her trademark beehive hairdo. Winehouse looked healthier than in recent appearances and appeared to be in good spirits. (AP)



LAWSUITS
DJ Seeks \$20 Million in Damages
DJ AM is seeking \$20 million in damages related to a plane crash in South Carolina last year that killed four others. The celebrity DJ, whose real name is Adam Goldstein, is suing the plane’s manufacturer, Learjet, and several other companies. Goldstein is seeking \$10 million for medical expenses, lost earnings, profits and economic damages and another \$10 million related to non-economic losses, according to a document filed Friday. Several of the companies sued last year by Goldstein and fellow crash survivor Travis Barker are seeking a trial delay until after a government investigation of the Sept. 19 crash is complete. (AP)

IRONY
Professional Stuntman Begg Ballroom Gods for Mercy
A dancing stunt knocked down **STEVE-O**. The reality star was forced to skip Monday’s “Dancing With the Stars” after falling on his back during a dress rehearsal earlier in the day. He didn’t break any bones but hasn’t been cleared to dance in future episodes. (AP)



After all those “Jackass” shenanigans, it’s “DWTS” that does in Steve-O.



IMPROVEMENT
Good Job, Bad Girl
LINDSAY LOHAN’s next appearance won’t be in jail garb. A Los Angeles Superior Court judge on Monday quashed an arrest warrant that was issued Friday for the 22-year-old “Mean Girls” star. Judge Marsha N. Revel determined that the actress has been complying with the terms of her probation but needs to provide her treatment program with better documentation to avoid problems. (AP)



Daly is excited for father-son talk-offs.

GENES
Baby Is Born Obsessed With Sound of Own Voice
Talk show host **CARSON DALY** has a new full-time guest. Daly’s publicist Heather Lylis said the TV personality and his girlfriend, Siri Pinter, are the proud parents of a baby boy. Jackson James Daly was born Sunday, weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces. (AP)

PURCHASES
‘Good Wine Is Like Good Women: Full Body, Nice Legs’
ANTONIO BANDERAS’ passion for wine has led to his ownership of Spanish vineyards. Banderas has bought 50 percent of a winery located on the banks of the Duero River in northern Spain, the winery says. (AP)

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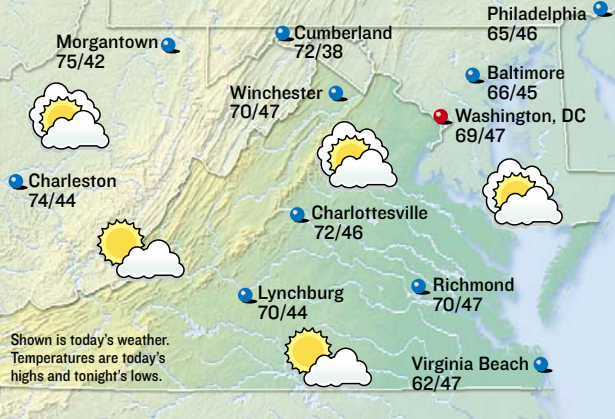
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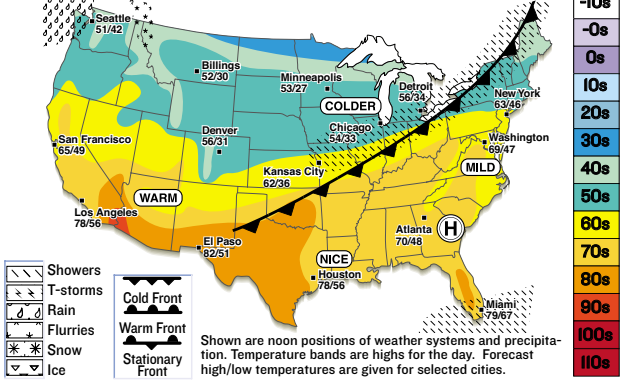
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Sun and Moon

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Sunset tonight 7:18 p.m.
Moonrise today 2:29 a.m.
Moonset today 11:34 a.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, March 18



National Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Atlanta	70/48/s	74/43/sh
Boston	56/41/pc	50/29/r
Chicago	54/33/r	47/26/pc
Dallas	80/55/s	70/50/pc
Denver	56/31/c	62/37/pc
Honolulu	79/68/sh	80/69/pc
Los Angeles	78/56/s	74/56/pc
Miami	79/67/t	80/64/pc
New York City	63/46/pc	52/33/r
Orlando	81/59/pc	82/59/pc
Seattle	51/42/r	52/42/r

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	48/36/pc	50/34/pc
Athens	58/45/pc	54/39/s
Berlin	43/30/s	41/27/sh
Buenos Aires	79/63/s	81/64/s
Calgary	43/25/pc	45/29/pc
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Rome	61/43/s	54/38/r
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Tokyo	68/50/s	70/54/s

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LOOK out

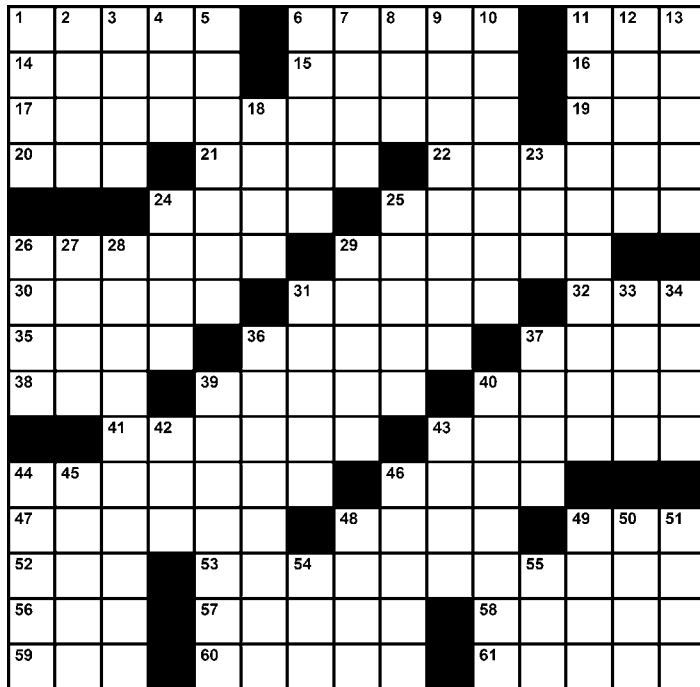
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ACROSS

- 1 Wolfgang Puck restaurant
6 "My Wild ___ Rose"
11 Serpent's warning
14 "We ___ please!"
15 Opera about an opera singer
16 Russian blue, e.g.
17 Clock radio feature
19 Sugar Loaf Mountain site
20 Map letters until 1991
21 Cover girl Macpherson
22 New York river to Lake Ontario
24 Prefix with "nomial"
25 Short-tempered one
26 Mount Olympus is its highest peak
29 Bird that loves statues
30 Sign a new lease
31 More robust
32 Bear necessity
35 Some batteries
36 Theme of this puzzle
37 Gave way, as cloth
38 Humorously ironic
39 Makes docile
40 Liquor measures
41 Clears a disk
43 Lady Godiva got them
44 Breadbasket, so to speak
46 ___ monde (high society)
47 Affectionate address
48 Kind of insurance
49 Blonde shade
52 Hospital dept.
53 Many look up to her in N.Y.C.
56 School of whales
57 Where troops camp after a day's march
58 Advantage
59 Crystal ball, e.g.
60 Deadly sins number
61 Slowly reduce, as a cliff face

DOWN

- 1 Reason for a parental reprimand
2 Some matches end with them
3 Valentine's Day cherub
4 Sporty car in a 1964 pop hit
5 Seep slowly, as ketchup from a bottle
6 Milan's land
7 Break for an extra
8 "___ penny earned"
9 Christmas season grumps
10 Popular house pet
11 Mosquito season need
12 Fat-nosed antelope
13 Got to one's feet
18 Silly pair?
23 Which person
24 Veep's superior
25 Components of rolling landscapes
26 Bird's pouch
27 Millennium unit
28 Acted as if one



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- was in the dark
29 Looks inferior
31 Macho guys
33 Art deco notable
34 Untouchable leader
36 Standard amount, as interest
37 Pointer's pronoun
39 South-of-the-border orders
40 Trip and almost fall
42 Caviar, e.g.
43 Delhi dress
44 Spanish friend

- 45 How some people commute
46 Troy beauty
48 Question for a blood donor
49 Golden fleece-bearing craft
50 Tuxedo shirt fastener
51 Exaggerated publicity
54 Org. for war-wounded
55 Suffix with "rocket" or "profit"

Yesterday's Solution



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READY FOR ITS CLOSE-UP: The 70-year-old Senator Theater had cameos in films including "12 Monkeys" and "Cecile B. DeMented." It just stopped screening flicks due to money woes; fans hope it'll reopen soon.

The Reel World

Filmmakers zoom in on Charm City's landmarks and quirky neighborhoods

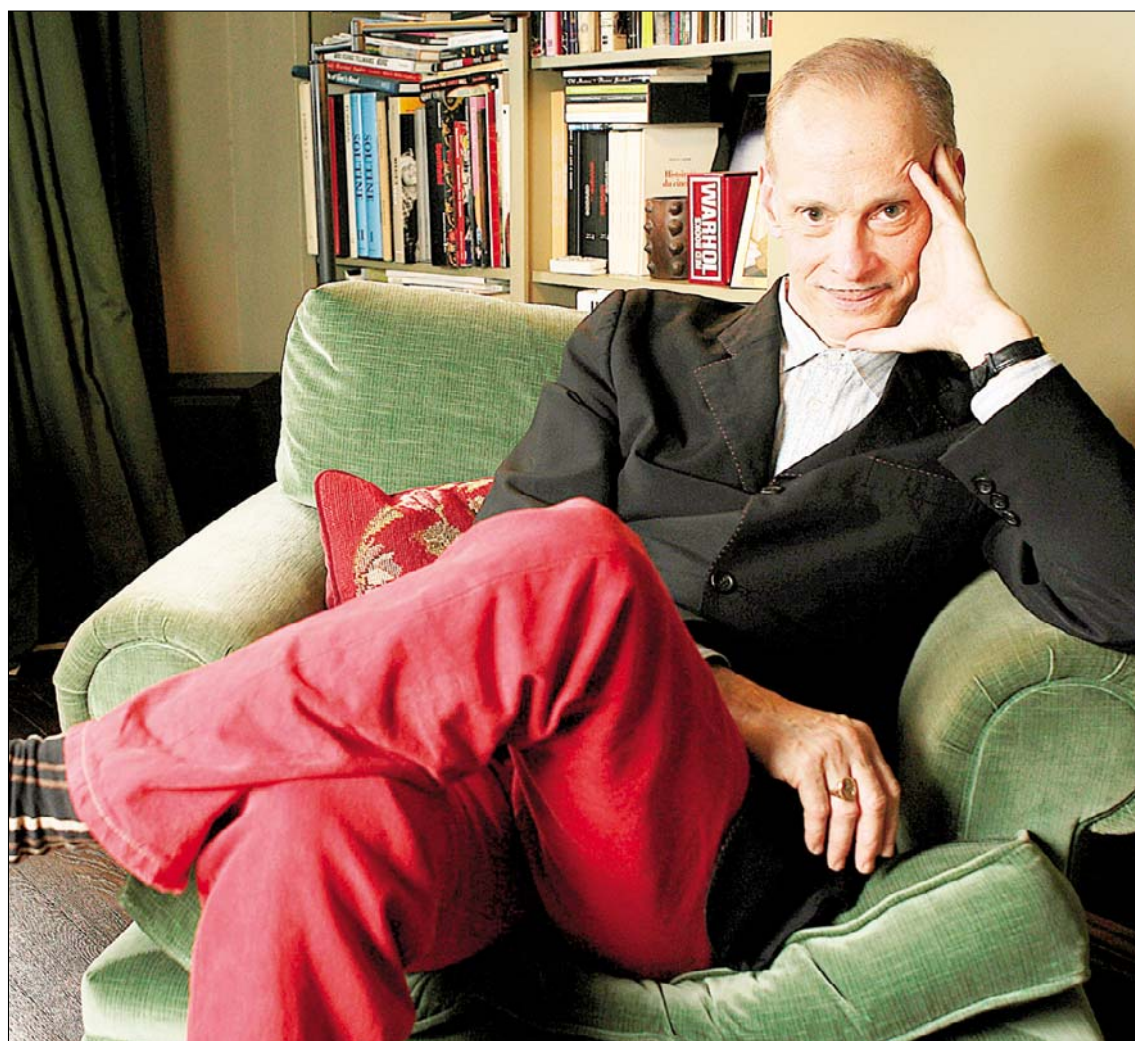
IN THE ROM-COM hit "He's Just Not That Into You," Ben Affleck, Ginnifer Goodwin, Bradley Cooper and other Hollywood stars meet in cute cafes, slurp cocktails at charming waterfront bars and play computer games in loft apartments with dreamy skyline views.

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KATHY WILLENS/AP

Flicked Out

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Is it another flick filmed in New York or San Francisco? Nope. The backdrop for director Ken Kwapis' ensemble piece turns out to be Baltimore, including the parks of Fells Point and the streetscapes of 19th-century 'hood Mount Vernon. Thanks to a weeklong shoot, signs of the town show up in many scenes, like when Goodwin's lonely singleton meets a pal at Fells Point pub the Waterfront Hotel (1710 Thames St.) or a down-on-his-romantic-luck boat driver moans about women from the nearby Ann Street Pier.

Kwapis, who shot the Kevin Bacon-Elizabeth Perkins romance "He Said, She Said" here in 1991, knew what many other auteurs do: Charm City's varied landscape, old architecture and modest size make it an ideal spot to film a flick. This combo appeals to both directors looking to capture Baltimore itself (native sons John Waters and Barry Levinson) and those seeking a place to fill in for other locales.

"Baltimore has nitty-gritty urban blocks, narrow older streets, modern

urban districts and beautiful monuments," says Jed Dietz, director of the Maryland Film Festival. "You hear from film crews that it's rare to see a city with such a variety of looks. If you can shoot 10 setups in a 30-block area, that's huge."

Waters, who still lives here part time and most recently shot 2004's "Dirty Shame" on Harford Road,

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JOHN WATERS, FILMMAKER

thinks films benefit from the city's "easy mix of old and new," he says. "It's a place of hipster hillbillies."

In 2005's (seemingly) globe-trotting thriller "Syriana," Baltimore played Dallas, Virginia, D.C., St. Louis and Geneva. "The city can look very European or English," says Debbie Dorsey, director of the Baltimore Film Office. "Mount Vernon even stood in for 19th-centu-

A DAY'S QUIRK: Baltimore's "Pope of Trash" John Waters, above, captures his hometown with a loving, sarcastic eye. In "Pecker" (2000), his hero works at a Hampden sub shop now known as Philly's Best (1101 W. 36th St.) and owned by Indian immigrants (right).

ry Paris in "Washington Square."

In that 1997 film, unlucky-in-love Henry James heroine Catherine Sloper (Jennifer Jason Leigh) visits a music store in Paris, actually the George Peabody Library (17 E. Mt Vernon Place). For much of the rest of the movie, she is courted by Ben Chaplin at Union Square (Hollins and South Stricker streets), where 19th-century townhouses and a park substitute for New York's Washington Square.

Still, it may be D.C. that filmmakers use Baltimore for most often. "It's a little different here, because we don't have the government buildings. That often makes getting the permits easier," says production designer Vincent Peranio, who has worked on all of Waters' Baltimore movies since 1970's "Multiple Maniacs," Levinson's "Liberty Heights," and the TV shows



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FALL IN LOVE, FELS POINT-STYLE:

In director Ken Kwapis' romantic comedy "He's Just Not That Into You," Hollywood actors including Drew Barrymore and Kevin Connolly, right, meet and date in locations in and around Baltimore such as historic Fells Point, above, and Little Italy.

"Homicide: Life on the Streets" and "The Wire."

Peranio often sends crews to tony, rowhouse-rich Bolton Hill, which masqueraded as Kennedy-era Georgetown in the just-released Gretchen Mol indie, "An American Affair." Nicole Kidman also leapt from a Baltimore Light Rail meant to be a D.C. Metro train in 2007's "Invasion." Will Smith fought Washington power brokers in "Enemy of the State," but it was shot mostly in Baltimore.

Still, to really see the city on film — or trace the steps of actors from Divine to Adrien Brody — rent a few Waters or Levinson flicks, which showcase Baltimore in its own right. Both directors were born and bred here, so their movies capture the city's personality in ways outsiders never could.

"John writes for places," says Peranio of Waters. "Each film is an homage to a Baltimore neighborhood. He'll pick his area, then drive around looking for where his characters would live. He casts houses like he casts actors."

All of Waters' movies use the city's urban blocks and retail thoroughfares, but Waters himself



thinks "Pecker," his 2000 farce about a Hampden kid turned art world photographer, perhaps best catches its surroundings. "Pecker" probably made Hampden look better than it did in real life," he laughs. "I had a guy in the neighborhood ask me to sign his house after it came out. You won't see that happen if you have a fake house somewhere else."

Today, the sub shop (1101 W. 36th St.) where Pecker served roach-infested french fries still operates, but its Indian owners are dishing up sandwiches and a pretty good chicken tikka masala. Pecker's

mother ran a secondhand clothing boutique where coats went for as little as a quarter; it was actually David's Thrift Store (914 W. 36th St.; 410-467-8159), where the 20th-century stock seems just as sartorially interesting, even if the prices aren't quite that cheap.

"I shoot in places that inspire me, even if they're down on their luck," Waters says. That means he's used spots such as the Holiday House (6427 Harford Road), a biker bar where, in "A Dirty Shame," Ursula Udders (Selma Blair) works as a topless dancer, and the neon-decked,

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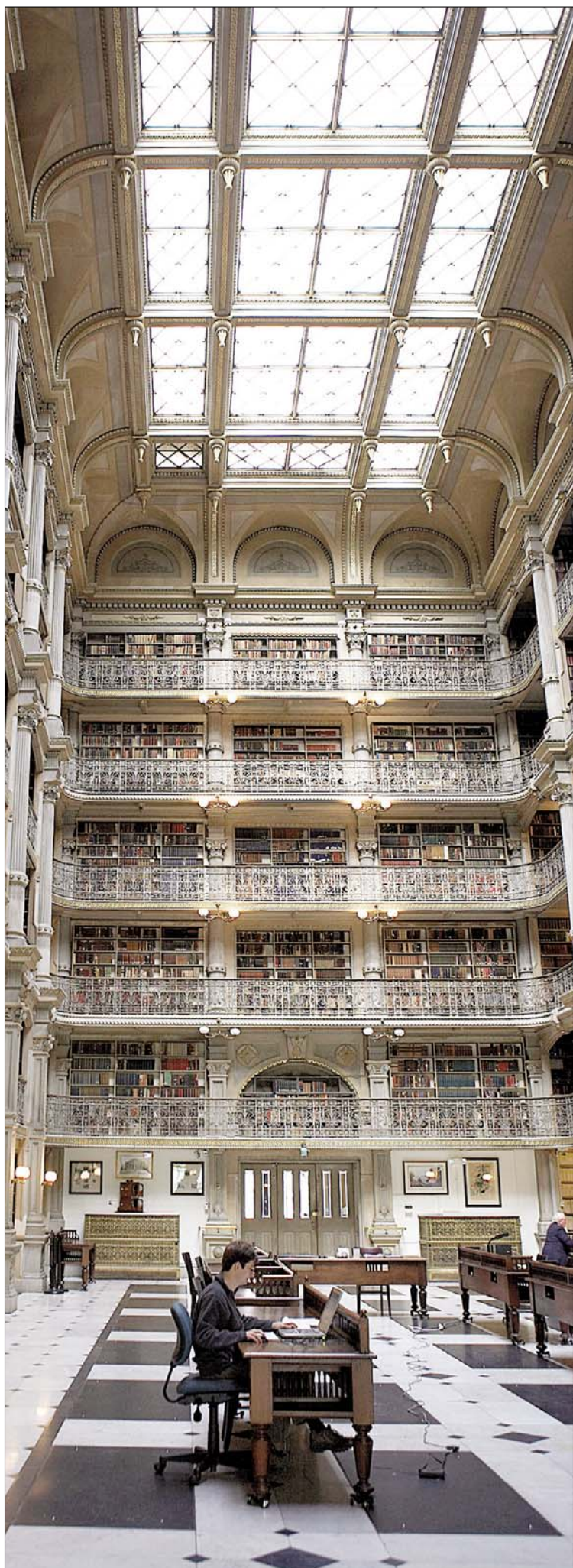
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70-year-old Art Deco Senator movie theater (5904 York Road).

The latter (which also figures prominently in Terry Gilliam's Philly- and Baltimore-filmed sci-fi masterwork "12 Monkeys") recently shuttered due to financial problems, but cineastes in town think it'll reopen soon. In Waters' "Cecile B. DeMented" (2000), it served as a war zone of sorts, as guerrilla filmmakers took aging actress Honey Whitlock (Melanie Griffith) hostage in the name of "underground cinema." The sidewalk outside bears concrete tiles painted in honor of premieres that've screened here from "Sleepless in Seattle" (filmed mainly in Fells Point) to "Diner."

It is Levinson who views the city

BOOK IT: The George Peabody Library, left, served as a law school study zone for Adrian Brody (below, right, with Ben Foster, who plays his brother) in Barry Levinson's "Liberty Heights."



CURB SERVICE: The Hollywood Diner (Saratoga and Gay streets) starred in Barry Levinson's "Diner," where Kevin Bacon and Mickey Rourke, right, play 1950s hipsters who hang out there.

in perhaps the most flattering (and decidedly retro) light. "His vision is gentle, nostalgic and draws so much on his childhood," says Dorsey. His four Baltimore films — "Diner" (1982), "Tin Men" (1987), "Avalon" (1990) and "Liberty Heights" (1999) — capture a place more wistful and elegiac than Waters' somewhat rough landscape.

"Diner" depicts 20-something male friends (played by then up-and-comers including Kevin Bacon and Mickey Rourke) as they gab about girls, their futures and Frank Sinatra at the Hollywood Diner, at the time in Fells Point but now relocated to a corner downtown (Saratoga and Gay streets).

The 1954 chrome gem isn't slinging malts these days, but nearby, circa-1950 Werner's (231 E. Redwood St.; 410-752-3335), which served as a set in "Liberty Heights" and "Tin Men," still doles out club sandwiches and meatloaf in a zone of butterscotch wood-paneled walls and Formica booths. "I do love a good time warp," says Peranio.

Like many moviemakers seduced by Charm City, Levinson focuses on Mount Vernon, too, sending "Liberty Heights" law student Van Kurtzman (Adrian Brody) to study in the George Peabody Library and, in "Diner," having Boogie Sheftell (Mickey Rourke) get beat up by a loan shark on Charles Street.

But it is in the opening of



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"Avalon," Levinson's tribute to the immigrant experience, that Mount Vernon becomes the ultimate soundstage. The scene depicts a young man in the early 20th century, just off the boat from Russia, as he strolls through Mount Vernon. It is the Fourth of July, and revelers in boater hats and Gibson girl dresses pass him as fireworks erupt above Baltimore's gleaming Washington Monument. He is transfixed, and, in a voice-over says, "When I came to Baltimore, it was the most beautiful place I ever saw."

Taking in Levinson's idealized cinematic vision, most movie fans would agree. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



← **TAIL MIX:** Pink Kiss Pottery's Shawna Pincus (Pinkkiss.etsy.com) handprints whimsical designs onto her high-quality glazed clay dishes, like this clever hunt-themed sushi set (\$35, Red Tree).

↓ **CLUTCH HIT:** We're smitten with Pistol Designs' vintage-inspired bags (Pistolstitched.com), which designer Ali Dryer makes using handcrafted handles and pretty prints (\$72, Doubledutch, 3616 Falls Road; 410-554-0055).



THE CHICEST LINK: Metalsmith Annie Chau of jewelry line Imogene (Imogene.org) fuses sterling links with colorful reclaimed chains in her newest necklaces (\$150, Red Tree, 921 W. 36th St.; 410-366-3456).

Homemade, Hon

For a long time, "Baltimore style" meant cat-eye glasses and a bouffant 'do. But now, looking like a local might mean sporting a rugged necklace of reclaimed metal or wearing a slick tee emblazoned with a creepy-cool squid. That's because local designers, fueled by the city's many art schools, are turning out unusual handmade finds from soaps to ceramics. Some blocks of Hampden and Federal Hill now rival craft epicenters Brooklyn, and Portland, Ore., but, thankfully, sans any hipper-than-thou attitude. BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)



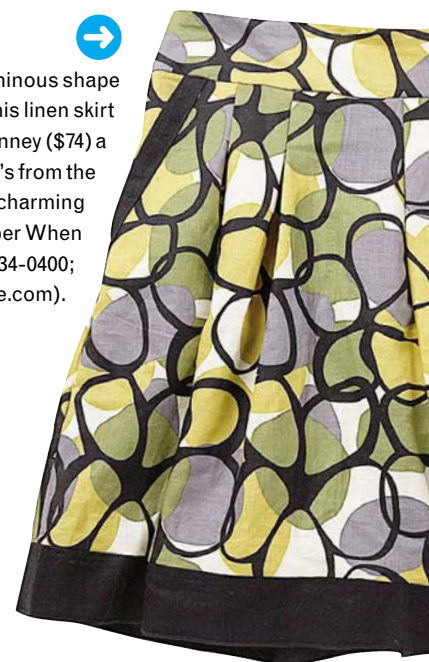
FULL SWING: The voluminous shape and vibrant pattern make this linen skirt from RWB by Carrie Benney (\$74) a punchy spring staple. It's from the in-house line at Benney's charming Federal Hill shop, Remember When (1005 S. Charles St., 410-234-0400; Rememberwhenboutique.com).



TEE TIME: The quirky-cool designs of SquidFire's graphic totes and tees (like the Moby Cat, shown, \$25) are so popular, the label recently expanded to its own Hampden storefront (1100 W. 36th St.; 410-327-3300; Squidfire.com).



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HEADPHONE HOME: Old-school listening stations, audio fiend staffers and a stock of thousands of CDs in genres including rock, folk and metal make Fells Point's Sound Garden a big hit with Baltimore music fans.



VINYL VAULT: At Sound Garden, a front section of LPs includes punk and rap.

The Sound of Here

Old-school CD stores, hip clubs and eclectic artists make Baltimore rock

Even on a snowy Saturday, the Sound Garden (1616 Thames St.; 410-563-9011) in Fells Point buzzes with browsers. A guy in a vintage Cro-Mags T-shirt flips through the huge heavy metal section; two older men argue about Thelonious Monk

by the jazz CDs. Welcome to a sight far rarer than a 1970s Springsteen bootleg: a bustling record store in the age of iTunes.

This Fells Point audio trove, loaded with everything from Greek bouzouki music to Danish

punk, seems immune to the slipping sales at other brick-and-mortar music stores. "I feel it when I read the newspaper," says owner Bryan Burkert, "but we don't feel it as much here. One of the reasons is that there are so few really good record stores left."

Burkert opened Sound Garden in 1993, and, now, it's not just a really good record store — it amounts to a Baltimore institution due to its mammoth inventory (including obscure titles on — gasp! — vinyl) and knowledgeable staff. It helps that the place operates in a tunes-hungry city and an area where it faces little competition.

It's not just listeners who make Charm City a music hub. More and more artists have been flocking here in recent years. As a result, the local

indie-rock scene has become one of the most vital in the country. "One of the things that makes Baltimore Baltimore is that so many people pass it over or don't even consider it," says avant electronic artist Dan Deacon, one of the city's rising stars. "It forces Baltimore to create its own culture."

Unlike some of the better-known music scenes — think heavy metal on Los Angeles' Sunset Strip in the 1980s or grunge in Seattle in the '90s — there is no one musical style or element linking Baltimore artists. The band Beach House plays studiously ambient folk music, Ponytail rocks noisily, Wt Hearts pound out skuzzy punk, Spank Rock specializes in frantic hip-hop, and on and on.

"The various music communities might be diverse and drastic, but [in every band] there seems to be a common 'member' linking them all together," Deacon explains.

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DAN DEACON, MUSICIAN



Dan Deacon, local electronic rocker

"It's very loosely knit, but still quite connected."

Many Baltimore bands started out playing thankless opening slots for touring acts; now they headline shows at local nightspots. Sonar is one of the city's most popular venues, and its location under the I-83 overpass gives it both a post-apocalyptic ambience and lots of parking. The clientele at the Ottobar are still adjusting to the club's new, larger space in Charles Village, even though it moved from its former cramped quarters more than five years ago.

In Federal Hill, the 8x10 boasts a



UNPLUG THE IPOD: Open since 1993 on Fells Point's busy main drag, Sound Garden draws crowds for its wide range of music.

IDEA LIST

A Musical Map

Want to hear a show — or some DJ spins — in Charm City? Here are top spots to rock and groove.

→ **OTTOBAR:** This hipster hangout hosts lots of local acts such as indie-folksters Cotton Jones and metal-heads Between the Shores, as well as DJs, stand-up and a rawking metal night. 2549 N. Howard St.; 410-662-0069; Theottobar.com.

→ **SONAR:** This downtown institution features three venues: a lounge for DJs, a club for local acts and a main-stage for touring acts such as TV on the Radio. 407 E. Saratoga St.; 410-783-7888; Sonarbaltimore.com.

→ **THE 8X10:** The city's finest singer-songwriters are found at this Federal Hill establishment, which boasts great acoustics and a laid-back vibe. 10 E. Cross St.; 410-625-2000; The8x10.com.

→ **ZODIAC:** An eccentric, retro-ish venue across the street from two downtown theaters, it keeps the cover ridiculously low for its eclectic roster of lectures, stand-up, game nights and bills packed with the hippest bands. 1726 N. Charles St.; Whamcity.com.



OFF THE WALL: Indie acts play nearly nightly at Sonar, a popular club in Baltimore.

long local history and superb acoustics; it organizes weekly open-mic nights and five-bands-for-\$5 shows of local acts. The Floristree Space also hosts up-and-coming Baltimore bands, but good luck finding it. It isn't a club, but the managers' liv-

The local indie-rock scene has become one of the most vital in the country.

ing space. As such, its location is a local secret, but its reputation for DIY shows and warehouse ambience is strong.

Despite such organic growth, one Baltimore organization is rethinking the behind-the-scenes system of promotion that supports local acts at all of these venues.

A few years back, under the organizational moniker Wham City, Adam Endres and his friends — including Deacon — began organizing shows in their warehouse living space — regular, raucous concerts that are now part of local lore.

The warehouse shows, however, were technically illegal and therefore short-lived, forcing Wham City to find a new home at Zodiac, formerly a retro-themed restaurant whose owner allows the organization to use the space rent-free as a concert venue.

Zodiac — next door to trendy Club Charles in the north midtown arts and entertainment district — now hosts a range of shows featuring local and touring acts. Until recently, the performances were free, but they now cost \$3 — still a small price to pay to possibly see the next big thing.

Even if it is raising its cover charge, Wham City has taken a leadership role in growing local interest in the arts and music, hosting not just concerts but also comedy performances, lecture series, game nights, the Whartscape music festival and assorted events that can be classified only as unclassifiable.

For a guy initially reluctant to move to Baltimore, Endres says he's found a home in the city's lively scene. "I'm really happy to be here," he says. "There's this ball of energy that we're all finding ourselves inside, bouncing around and meeting one another." STEPHEN DEUSNER



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